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Confirmation of Date for 136th Meeting

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1. SIMONS, with CHAMPEAU, called on CHIEN and LIU at Chicom Embassy 1030 February 4.

2. Simons stated he had come under instruction to inform Chinese we agreed to February 20 date for 136th meeting, with understanding it would take place US Embassy at 1400. Chien said he would report to Charge, but date, site, and time could be considered confirmed. Simons then said that in accordance with past practice, we would be making press announcement within 24 hours that 136th meeting would be held February 20 in US Embassy. Chien replied Chinese would be making separate announcement and agreed to press announcements in accordance with past practice. During subsequent small talk,

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alone
Ch*ien left Liu/along with Americans and returned to say
he had reported to Charge and above understandings confirmed.

3. Chien asked whether Ambassador's departure would be delayed and whether KREISBERG and ANDERSON would be coming for 136th meeting. Simons said he understood my schedule being rearranged and he was practically certain Kreisberg confirmed. and Anderson would attend, although this not yet/maximx

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Atmosphere, although it should be described to press as informal if description necessary (no paper, no notes), was almost cheery. Chien and Simons smoked; everyone had

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two cups tea. In what seemed uncommon spirit of collegiality, Chien interpreted all American remarks, including Champeau's jocular description renovated Shanghai Restaurant, into Chinese for Liu. It was apparent Liu commands no English at all.

anticipate 6. We/anticipated press questions as to who took initiative for setting date 136th meeting. We will respond with "no comment" here and recommend Department follow same procedure.

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